

RPA-18 Policy/Technical Committee
Minutes of April 10, 2019 Meeting

11:00 a.m.

The RPA-18 Policy and Transportation Technical Committees met on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, in the Metro Building, 2222 Cuming Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Charles Parkhurst, Shelby County, called the meeting to order.

PRESENT

Policy Committee

Richard Crouch
Ron Kohn
Charles Parkhurst

Mills County Supervisor
Glenwood Mayor
Shelby County Supervisor

Technical Committee

Perry Cook
Kevin Mayberry
Brandon Burmeister
Steve Struble
Cory Gaston
John Rasmussen

City of Glenwood Public Works
Mills County Engineer
Shelby County Engineer
Harrison County Engineer
Mills County Engineer
Pottawattamie County Engineer

Staff/Non-Voting Members

Scott Suhr
Matt Roth
Michael Helgerson

Iowa DOT, District 4
Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

1. Approval of the Agenda and of the Minutes: (Action)

MOTION by Rasmussen, SECOND by Mayberry approving the agenda of the April 10, 2019 meeting and the minutes from the February 13 meeting of the RPA-18 Policy and Technical Committees. The March RPA meeting was canceled.

MOTION PASSED.

2. Discussion of TAP Project Applications: (Discussion)

Roth went over two applications for the Policy Committee and Technical Advisory Committee to review.

The two projects included:

1. Glenwood East Sharp Street Walking/ Bike Trail
2. Shelby Ball Park

Roth added that Shelby County had withdrawn their application.

Roth stated that the available funding was \$8,000 beyond the fiscally constrained limit.

Ron Kohn, City of Glenwood, stated that there was a revision in cost proposed today to match the \$8,000 amount beyond the fiscally constrained limit. Kohn added that the project was designed to provide safe pedestrian access to a park and other businesses.

Ron added that the bridge would have a better and less challenging crossing of the Keg Creek bridge.

Notes of discussion for the applications were that the trail would be less, as some sidewalk sections were removed.

Gene Gettys inquired whether any property owners would be required to pay for enhancements, and Mr. Kohn added that a car dealership was improving their parking lot and sidewalk within their property.

Michael Helgerson added that the updated numbers would be needed by the May meeting.

MOTION to approve adding the Glenwood TAP Applications under the condition that it did not exceed the fiscally constrained amount by Rasmussen; SECOND by Burmeister.

3. STBG Regional Project Selection Second Round: (Action)

Matt Roth, MAPA presented that corrections had been made to the STBG selection process.

Roth stated that 2020 and 2021 were generally set in stone, but that 2022 and beyond had some decisions that needed made and/or clarified. One of these projects included an STBG project in Elk Horn.

Brandon Burmeister, Shelby County, added that the project was slated for 2024.

Helgerson added that this section of highway is the only section classified as a minor collector. Helgerson also added that this road had not seen an overlay in quite a long time.

Scott Suhr, Iowa DOT, agreed that the road needed attention.

Roth stated that today's meeting needed to be fiscally constrained in 21, 22 and 23, and that there needed to be a debate on project selection.

Kevin Mayberry, Mills County, added that he does not know if a 2020 project in Mills County, Bunge Avenue, would be able to be constructed. Mayberry also added that ER funding may be used on that road.

Helgerson discussed a two-phase selection process to ensure regional equity. Helgerson noted that the second phase would have no slack to ensure equity, but stated that the lack of flexibility is very challenging to overcome. Helgerson added that the earlier the selection the easier given the process laid out by Iowa DOT, and to make sure that projects can be more possible for small communities.

Mayberry stated that the proposed spreadsheet by Pottawattamie County which would give a yearly allocation to a county would not be feasible for Mills County since funding cannot work that way for Mills.

Rasmussen stated that regional equity should have been the goal before new selection processes have been selected.

Brandon Burmeister, Shelby County, noted that he saw Shelby a million ahead in funding and did not apply, while there had been some debate of that actual balance.

Mayberry stated that he needed flexibility in projects due to potential emergency response funding being used on some flooded roadways in Mills County.

Helgeson added that we have the flexibility to change projects in the first year of the program if it doesn't exceed the one million dollar limit, and that some projects could be swapped out if Bunge Ave in Mills County was completed with ER funds.

Mayberry stated that Bunge Ave could not be repaired in \$400k increments each year. Mayberry also stated he was confused how changes could be made this month that would undo a move last month that was made to reach fiscal constraint.

Mayberry presented a motion to table discussion. Seconded by Cook.

Rasmussen stated that this was a discussion item.

Mayberry removed his motion.

Helgeson stated that in May there cannot be changes to 2020, but that a process could be determined to ensure regional equity starting in 2021. Helgeson added that there needs to be a continued discussion of how this process works moving forward.

Scott Suhr added that standard allocation doesn't work, but that regional inequity must also be handled. Suhr added that the DOT intends on having a selection process so that projects can be scored based upon regional significance. Suhr added that RPA 14 has a ballot for projects, in addition to certain amounts of money dictated to transit and small communities.

MOTION by Rasmussen to table nominations until May to ensure regional equity; seconded by Burmeister. APPROVED by a 3-2 vote by the policy committee. MOTION by Rasmussen again for technical committee, seconded by Parkhurst, MOTION CARRIES.

4. FY2020 Draft Transportation Planning Work Program (TPWP) Planning Work Program: (Action)

Michael Helgeson, MAPA, presented the draft Transportation Planning Work Program and budget for FY 2020. This process is designed to lay out the work and projects that MPOs and RPAs do for their jurisdictions. This process looks similar to the amended TPWP from two months prior.

Helgeson added that the work program includes priorities, challenges, alignment with the LRTP, and lays out the project prioritization process that needs to be worked with frequently.

Helgeson added that recent flooding would also be included in the draft TPWP, even though the Iowa DOT would likely be determining those projects.

Helgeson added that FHWA and FTA funding requires a civil rights policy, which has also been updated that is more consistent between federal and state funding, in the case that a Title 6 complaint is filed. Helgeson stated this draft included the 2019 draft civil rights plan.

MOTION to approve the draft TPWP by Rasmussen; SECOND by Mayberry. MOTION CARRIES.

5. **Additional Business: (Information)**

None

6. **Next Meeting: (Information)**

The next meeting of the RPA is scheduled for May 8, 2019 at 11:00 am.

7. **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.